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SUBJ: MULTI DONOR REPORT AND TRANSPORT CONCERNS

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1. BUT MYSTIFIED WHAT TO DO ABOUT DETAILED QUESTIONS TO MULTI DONOR TEAM ON TRANSPORT SINCE THAT TEAM COULD NOT DO MUCH MORE THAN SYNTHESIZE AVAILABLE DATA AND OPINIONS. TRANSPORT A MAJOR CONCERN BUT NECESSARILY ONLY ONE OF VARIETY OF ISSUES. U.S. TRANSPORT SURVEY ON OTHER HAND CONCERNED ONLY WITH TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE. LOGICAL TO CONCLUDE THEREFORE THAT ITS FINDINGS SHOULD BE MORE DEFINITIVE THAN MULTI DONOR FOOD REQUIREMENTS TEAM. THIS COMMENT NECESSARILY GENERALIZED SINCE REPORT OF TRANSPORT SURVEY NOT RECEIVED HERE.

2. FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY OSRO: (A) BASIS OF ESTIMATE IN MALI REPORTS RAIL COTONU TO PARAKOU AND ROAD PARAKOU TO GAO 1060 KMS (ROAD IMPASSABLE DURING RAINY SEASON FOR PERIODS OF 8 - 10 DAYS). TRANSIT TIME GAO 20 - 25 DAYS. AVERAGE DAILY EVACUATION RATE 100 TONS TIMES 25 DAYS PER MONTH EQUALS 2500 TONS/MNTH. (B) ORGANIZATION COMUNE DAHOMEY-NIGER (OCDN) ISSUED 4 OCTOBER SPECIAL REDUCED TARIFF FOR SOCOPAO 14500 CFA PER TON BAGGED
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GRAIN PROVIDING NO LOCAL FISCAL TAXES ARE COLLECTED BY MALIAN

AUTHORITIES FOR THIS TRAFFIC CARRIED BY DAHOMEAN TRUCKS AND THAT ALL ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES ARE GIVEN IN ORDER INSURE QUICKEST TURNAROUND. THUS TOTAL FROM LINER TERMS COTONOU UNDER SHIPS TACKLE TO GAO 17600 CFA. ADDITIONAL 300 PER TON FOR WHEAT FLOUR AND SEMOLINA (C) REPORT INDICATED THERE MAY BE OBJECTIONS AS COTONOU CAPACITY BEING FULLY UTILIZED FOR NIGER TRAFFIC AND CONFIRMATION WAS REQUIRED FROM COTONOU AS TO WHETHER ANY CAPACITY COULD BE SPARED FOR MALI 6TH REGION. THIS HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED.

3. WITH REFERENCE PARA 2 ABOVE, (A) NOTE SUMMARY REPORT TABLE III INDICATES 2000 TONS PER MONTH FOR MALI FROM COTONOU IN ADDITION NIGER REQUIREMENTS. (B) OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS WITH THIS ROUTE.VOLPE

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